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A method and apparatus for requesting, receiving, processing, and providing information from a single source to a television viewer. An information provider is accessed via a communications link and specific data, which is separate and distinct from video signals received by the television receiver, is downloaded to the television receiver. The data provided by the information provider is database information with minimal formatting and does not contain any graphical overhead. Requests for information from the information provider may be on demand or at a predetermined time. The information provided may be filtered by the information provider and/or television receiver based on selected program categories and/or a user provided profile.

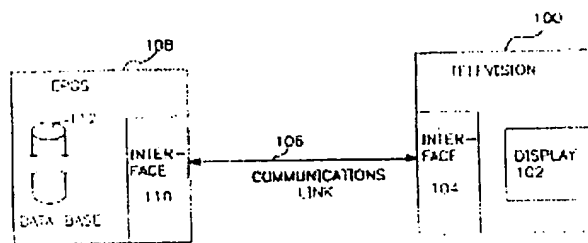


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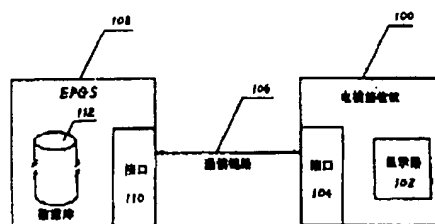
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[57]摘要

一种用于从单个信息源请求、接收、处理和提供信息给电视观众的方法和装置。经过通信链路访问信息供应商并且与电视接收机收到的视频信号不同而且分开的特定数据被下载给电视接收机。信息供应商提供的信息是具有最少格式化的数据库数据，并且不包含任何额外的图形。可以根据命令或者按预置时间从信息供应商处请求信息。根据选出的节目的类型或用户提供的概述，由信息提供商和/或电视接收机对提供的信息进行过滤。



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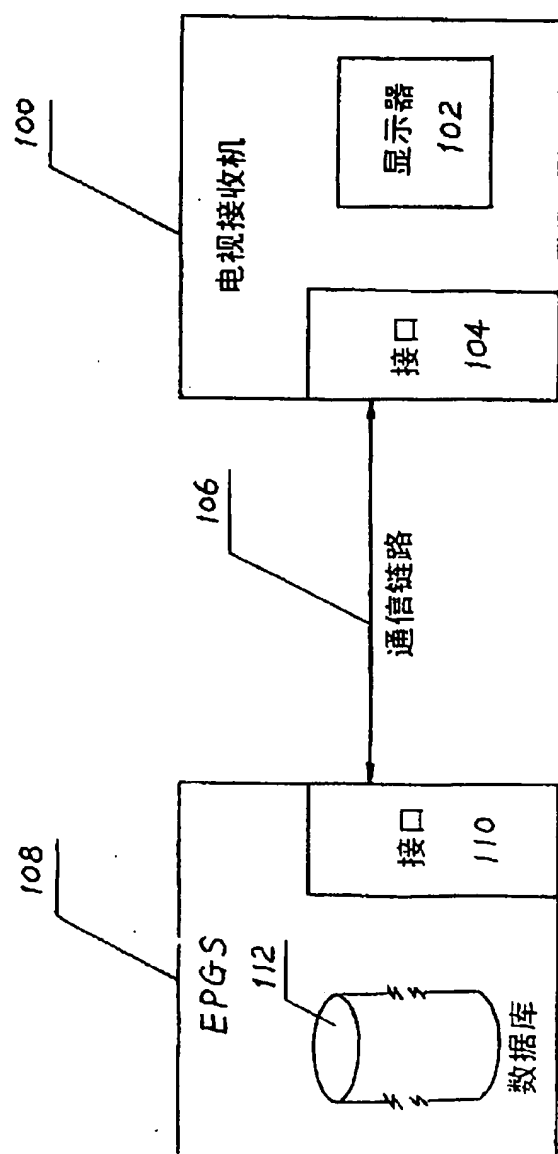


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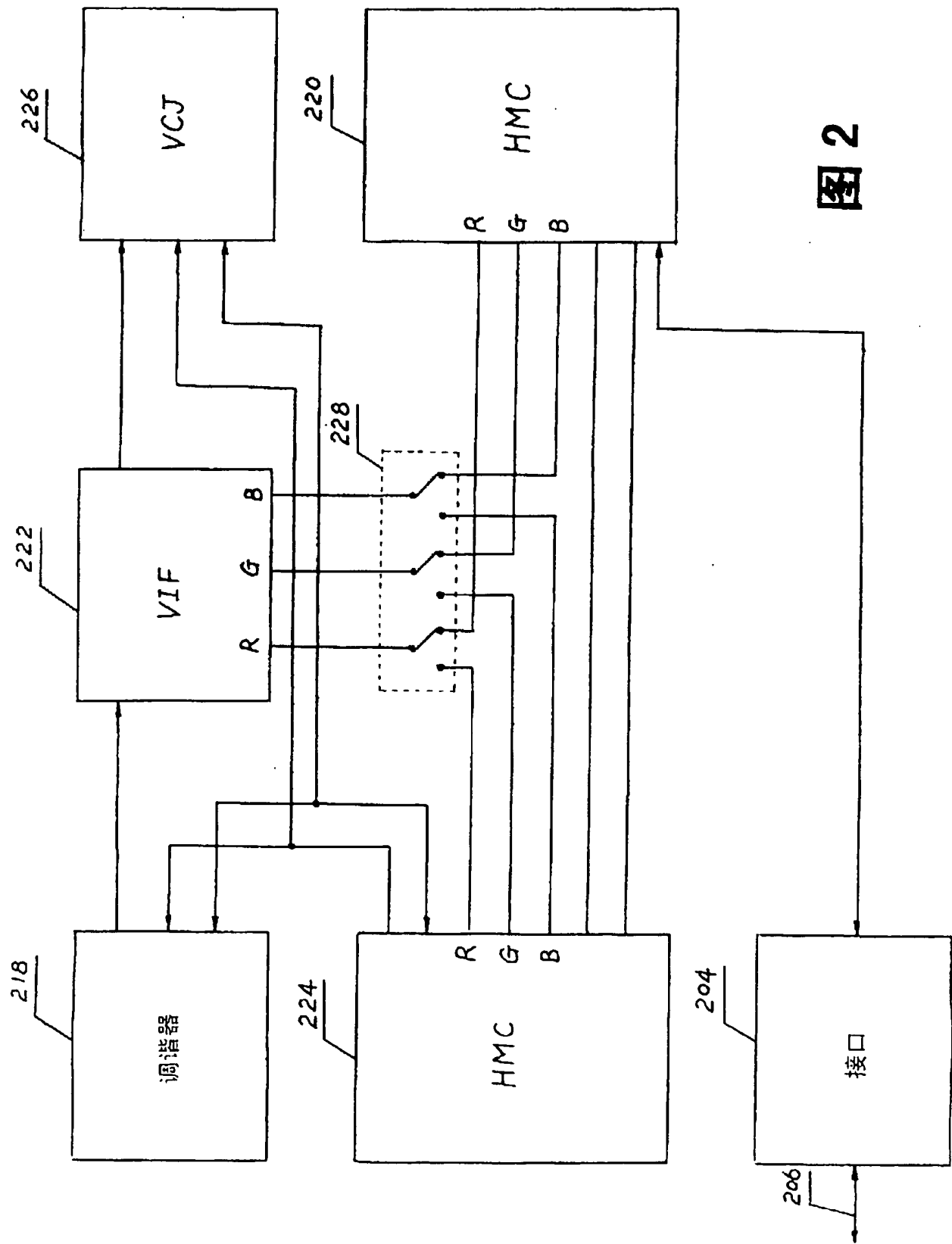


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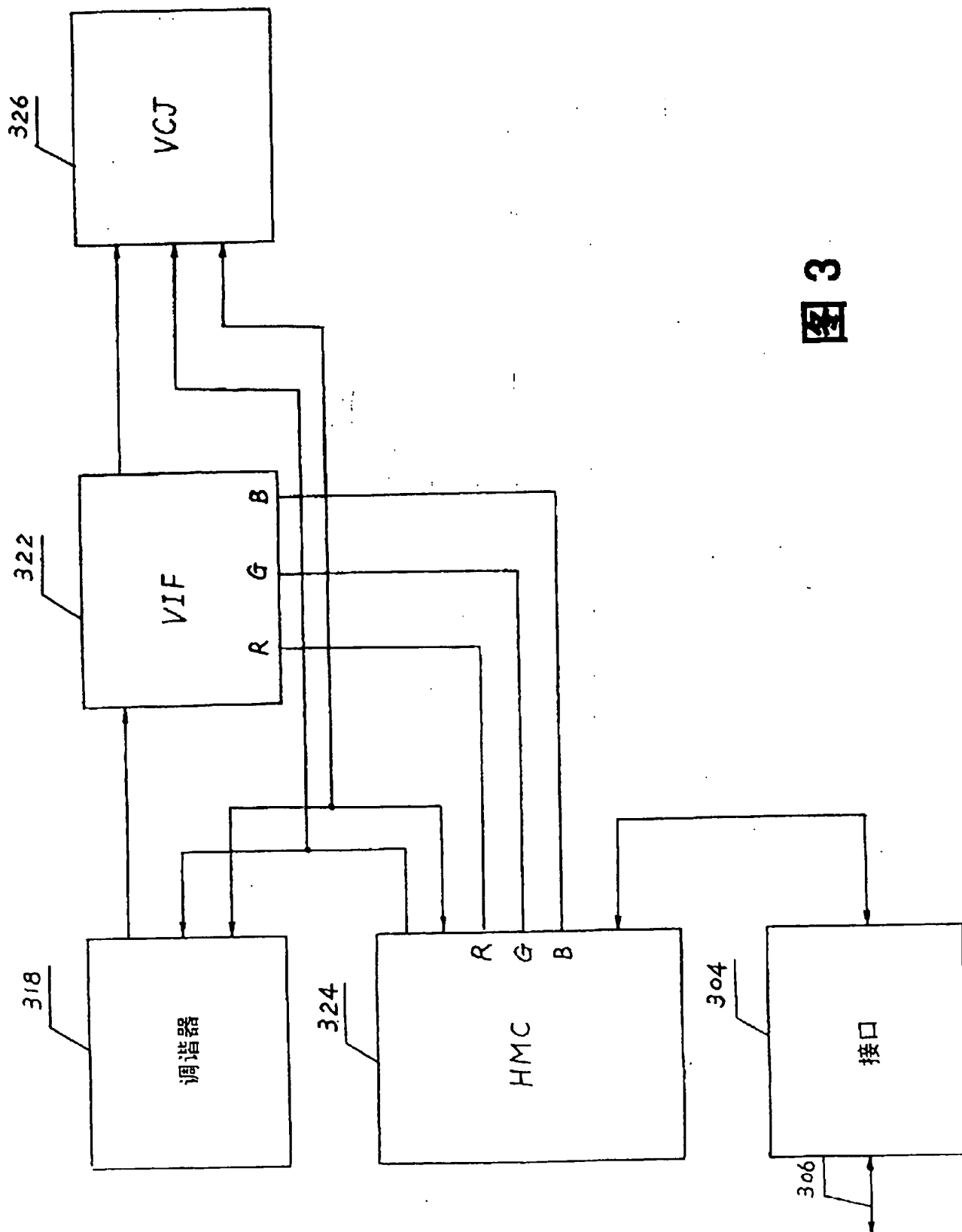


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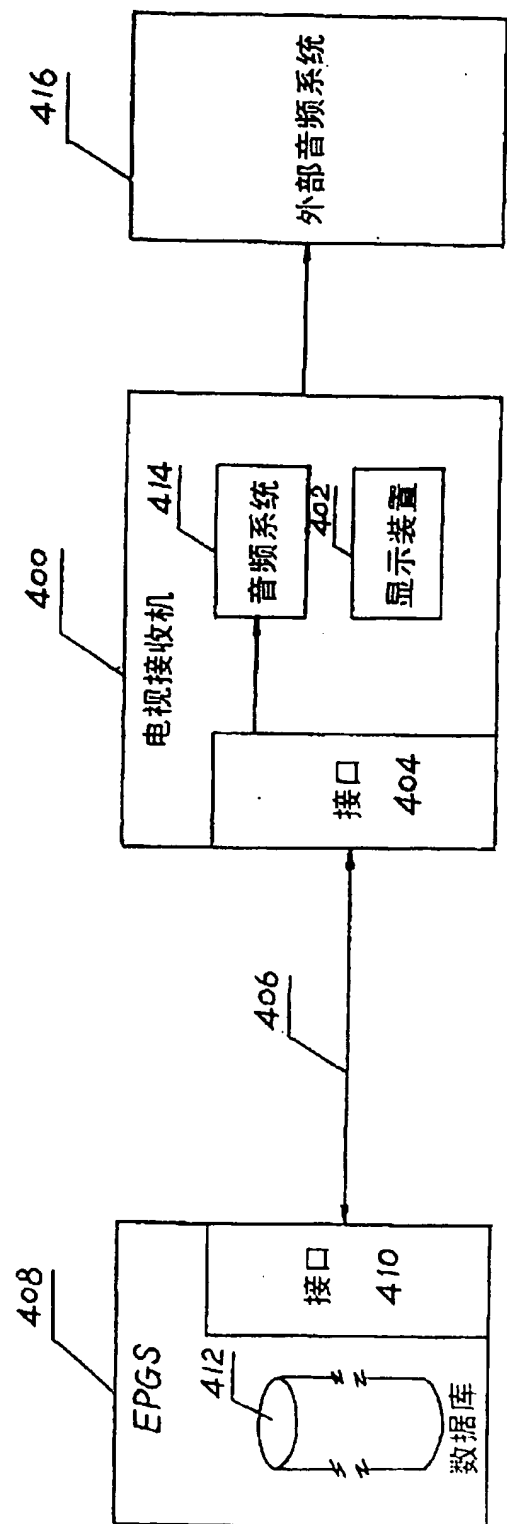
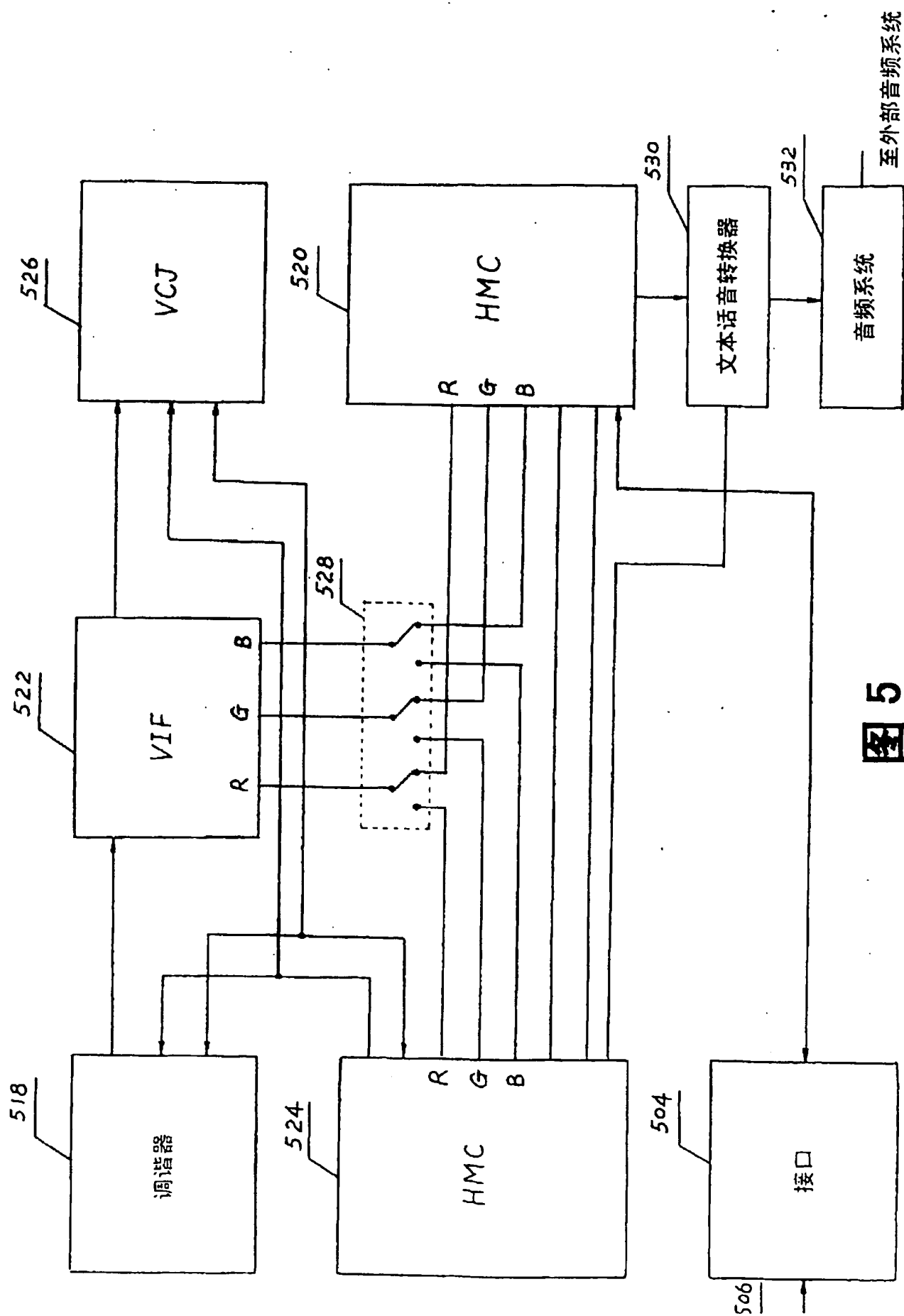


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